

Hoover Predicts Red Drive to Elect Candidates

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) —J. Edgar Hoover believes the Communist party has surfaced as a "unified, hard-hitting, well-organized conspiracy" to promote a class revolution in the United States.

In a report released tonight by the Senate Internal Security subcommittee on the party's June convention in New York, the director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation predicted that the Communists would field "nonpartisan" and "independent" candidates in the November elections.

He forecast an extensive campaign to infiltrate labor unions, college campuses, anti-Vietnam war demonstrations and civil rights organizations. He said the New Left would also be a target.

"The party has been watching with uninhibited glee the rise of so-called 'New Left' organizations and groups, which have culminated in peace marches, protest demonstrations against American policy in Vietnam and turmoil on college and university campuses," Mr. Hoover said in the report.

He saw this as part of a youth drive the party had been

Expects an Attempt by Party to Infiltrate Rights, College, Labor and Peace Groups

able to put on since it gained new freedom of action under recent Supreme Court decisions invalidating portions of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

Mr. Hoover said he was convinced that major efforts would be made to infiltrate organizations in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

"We can anticipate that the party, using the slogan 'Labor is a Key Force,' will make every effort to increase its recruitment in industrial workers, he wrote.

Mr. Hoover found that the Communists had been "acutely embarrassed" by their failure to recruit Negroes.

"To their everlasting credit," he says, "the vast majority of Negroes have recognized the falsity of Communism and have turned it down. They know that Communism does not mean a better life for them, economically, politically or socially."

Nevertheless, he believes the Communists will continue to try to infiltrate civil rights organizations and turn them "into a hatchery for Communism."

'Exploit Situations'

"The Communists are hoping to exploit situations of unrest in the United States, such as the current policy in Vietnam," Mr. Hoover said. He continued:

"We can expect the party to keep hammering at 'peace' (meaning of course the betrayal of American interests to the cause of the Soviet Union), all the time trying to enlarge the party's immediate and long-range influence. By allegedly standing for 'peace' the Communists hope to make contact with other groups, such as pacifists, church organizations and students.

"We can expect strong Communist participation in electoral campaigns this fall and attempts to field party candidates.

"We can expect the party to partisan' or 'independent' labels. Such campaigns provide publicity for the party and help galvanize the membership in day-to-day Communist work."